

many people half their age, these two are always on the go. In recent years, they have traveled to Hawaii, England, Scotland, Florida, and their favorite destination, Las Vegas. In all of our days, we have rarely seen a Catholic woman like Irene with such a serious affliction for gambling on the nickel slot machines! Al tells his friends that the reason he and Irene enjoy their travel so much is because they are casually spending their kids' inheritance. Al, himself, has a tremendous reputation and has made local headlines for his marvelous garden where he produces garlic, parsley, lettuce, beans, and enough tomatoes to feed the entire state. In fact, Al has shared seeds with us both and his reputation continues to grow. He also enjoys spending time at the local Elks Lodge and VFW Hall in Dover.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that you join us and our colleagues in recognizing the 50th anniversary of these two very special people. Al and Irene Dalpiaz are among the kindest people we know and it is only fitting that the House of Representatives pay tribute to them today.

**AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the historic vote to launch an impeachment inquiry I have joined with the overwhelming majority of Democrats to vote for an alternative compromise. This action has allowed us to avoid destructive fragmentation and continue our united leadership of the majority of Americans. At the end of this statement I will attach my original position on this matter which remains as my present position. We are dealing with sins, not high crimes and misdemeanors. Government should not invade the jurisdiction of religion and the clergy.

Leadership for a difficult and thorny national situation is the challenge faced by minority Democrats who can do nothing to completely halt the abuses of the Republican majority. Despite the Democratic alternative, an impeachment process that is highly partisan and vicious will go forward. But now the Republicans can never say that they have bi-partisan support. Joining with fellow Democrats I voted for an alternative compromise in order to continue the process of cementing our position with that of the majority of Americans. I wanted to personally just say no; to drop the impeachment inquiry. Reluctantly I left the highest ground; however, the Democratic compromise call for time limits and scope limits on the Judiciary Committee process still represents high ground. On October 8th the record will show that Democrats sacrificed some credibility in order to contribute to a resolution of this damaging political crisis. Every reasonable American citizen should feel comfortable with our position of reconciliation. We could have just said no. But our leadership

guidance message was: "limit the scope and limit the time." The vital business of the country is waiting.

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As a member of Congress I am sorry that there is an escalating hysteria that may lead to the religious lynching of a great president. President Clinton has gone further than he should have been asked to go in offering a public statement about his intimate personal life. In view of the fact that absolutely on one has charged that a national security issue is involved in this matter, all further government inquiries should be dropped. The nation has in no way been placed at risk. Certainly nothing took place which touched on bribery, treason, or high crimes and misdemeanors. For those who continue to expand their detailed probe and to pass judgement through the prism of their hypocritical Victorian values, we concede their right to wallow in their "Peyton Place" preoccupations. There is, however, a profound difference between crimes and sins. It is of utmost importance that we acknowledge and support the spirit of our Constitution which discourages the state from investigating private morality and affirms the right of every American, even the President, to separately negotiate his sins with his God.

**MARTIN ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL EARNS HONOR**

**HON. MAC COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my congratulations to the Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia on the announcement of its third "Accreditation with Commendation" by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, an honor bestowed upon only the finest hospitals in the nation. It is also the only hospital in the U.S. Army Medical Command to receive this acknowledgment for three consecutive tri-annual surveys.

Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) was named in honor of Major General Joseph I. Martin, MC, a pioneer in field medicine and medical military education and training. The hospital has served the Fort Benning/Columbus communities since 1955 and provides quality care to approximately 9,000 inpatients and 585,000 outpatients. MACH's principal customers are active duty and retired members and their dependents who are eligible beneficiaries for DOD health services.

Receiving "Accreditation with Commendation" is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance and commitment to providing quality care. Fort Benning is fortunate to have as incredible a facility as MACH serving its community. I congratulate Martin Army Community Hospital on its continued excellence.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. FRANK RIGGS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House of Representatives on Monday, Oc-

tober 5, 1998 and Tuesday, October 6, 1998 and consequently missed several votes. Had I been present, the following is how I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 480: Yea.  
Rollcall No. 481: Nay.  
Rollcall No. 482: Yea.  
Rollcall No. 483: Yea.  
Rollcall No. 484: Yea.

**THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOR THE PITTSFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN PITTSFORD, NY**

**HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay special tribute to the legacy of the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department in Pittsford, NY. The fire department will celebrate its 100th year of service on November 29, 1998.

The Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1898, after a series of tragic fires. The Village responded by installing a water works and passing a resolution authorizing the formation of a volunteer fire brigade to respond to fires and other emergencies. The fire department, which was established with approximately 50 men, started as two independent hose companies, known as the "Pittsford Village Active Hose Co. No. 1" and "Iroquois Hose Co. No. 2."

Until the first fire hall was built in 1907 on a lot purchased by the Village, the volunteers stored their equipment in a number of village locations including the Methodist Church. Prior to the fire hall, all Department business was conducted in the Cole Building, on the southwest corner of Main Street and Monroe Avenue at the four corners in the Village.

With a proud tradition of voluntarism, the Fire Department has thrived and grown over the years. Using donations and moneys received from the Village, the Fire Department has been able to update its equipment, utilize new methods in fire prevention and control, and most recently establish a new fire hall in 1987. However, the cornerstone of the Department's success has been the dependability and generosity of its volunteers.

I take great pride in knowing that a volunteer fire department of Pittsford's high caliber protects families and businesses in my home district. I send my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department for all its contributions throughout the past century.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues pause to join with me and many others in congratulating the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department of Pittsford, NY on 100 years of service to humanity.

**CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY**

**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Republic of China's National Day,